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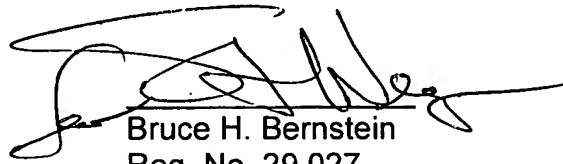
On December 29, 2004, Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants note that the initialed PTO-1449 form has never been returned. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner forward an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form.

For the convenience of the Examiner, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 29, 2004 (and the documents cited therein), a copy of the Form PTO-1449 filed therewith, and a copy of the date-stamped mailroom receipt evidencing the filing of the same.

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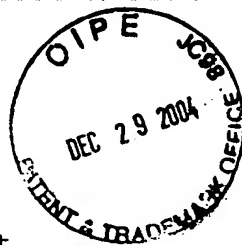
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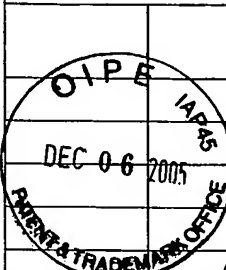
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit a copy of an International Search Report that was mailed on June 7, 2004, with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP03/012817, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application, in which the following documents were cited:

European Patent Application Publication No. EP 1 209 930;

International Patent Application Publication No. WO 99/59363, together with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,625,135;

International Patent Application Publication No. WO 01/31945, together with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,748,233;

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United Kingdom Patent Application Publication No. GB 2 327 175; and

European Patent Application Publication No. EP 1 161 047.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Examiner are set forth in the European Search Report.

Applicants also bring the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-261592, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 1 of the specification of the present application;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-144814, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-199451, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/492,545 to SATO et al., which was filed on April 27, 2004.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

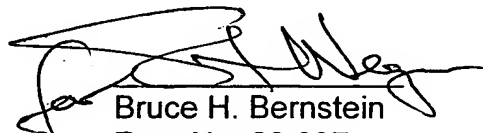
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

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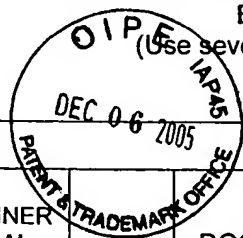
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